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RE: MUR 4915

Dear Mr. Noble:

I am writing this letter in response to MUR 4915, on behalf of Vice President Al Gore, Gore 2000, Inc., and Jose Villarreal, Treasurer of Gore 2000, Inc. The aforementioned complaint was received on August 13, 1999.

The designated counsel are unable to respond by the required response date due to a conflict with previously scheduled annual leave. Therefore, I hereby request a twenty-day extension of time moving the response date from August 30 to September 14, 1999.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (202) 293-1177.

Sincerely,

Lyn Utrecht